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November 23, 2005

Shaela McNulty Collins, Hearing Officer
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

RE: NSTAR Gas Companies, D.T.E. 05-36

Dear Ms. Collins:

I am writing on behalf of the Pipeline Engineering and Safety Division ("Division") and NSTAR Gas Company. As you are aware from our earlier telephone conference, we have developed a proposed schedule that does not alter the agreed to time frame for evidentiary hearings as set forth below:

Wednesday, November 30:	First Round of Discovery Responses Due
Friday, January 6:	Pre-Filed Testimony Due
Thursday, January 19:	Second Round of Discovery Questions Due
Friday, February 10:	Second Round of Discovery Responses Due
Wednesday, March 1:	Evidentiary Hearings Begin
Friday, March 3:	Evidentiary Hearings End
Thursday, April 6:	Initial Briefs Due
Thursday, April 27:	Reply Briefs Due

A Certificate of Service is enclosed. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Denise L. Desautels

cc: Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Andrew Kaplan, General Counsel
David S. Rosenzweig, Esquire
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